



Pakistan: Sustainable Livelihood in Barani Areas Project (formerly Barani Dev III)

Project Name	Sustainable Livelihood in Barani Areas Project (formerly Barani Dev III)	
Project Number	34331-013	
Country	Pakistan	
Project Status	Closed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan	
Source of Funding / Amount	Loan 2134-PAK: Sustainable Livelihood in Barani Areas Project (formerly Barani Dev III) concessional ordinary capital resources lending / Asian Development Fund US\$ 41.00 million	
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development	
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming	
Description	<p>The Project's objectives are to enhance access to land, water, markets, services, agricultural inputs, technologies, and employment among the population living in barani areas in order to increase incomes, improve the quality of life and, ultimately, reduce poverty among vulnerable groups within the project area. At the same time, the Project will strengthen governance structures, aid the process of devolution, and build capacity within local governments to plan and implement development activities. The Project will cover those districts and parts of districts in Punjab province that have much barani land but that have yet to be covered by a barani or area development project.</p>	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>Barani areas are, almost by definition, areas with high levels of poverty. The primary problem facing barani areas is a lack of access to water for crop and livestock production and thus lower and uncertain crop yields and livestock productivity. However, many other factors also add to the high levels of poverty. These include impeded access to markets, inputs, and services due to inadequate or nonexistent transportation infrastructure; a lack of access to electricity, with negative consequences for the productive potential of both agriculture and off-farm sectors; health and productivity constraints arising from limited access to domestic drinking water; a limited range of alternative, high-value crops or crop varieties specially adapted to barani areas; inadequate and poorly managed rangelands for livestock; serious loss of productive land due to water and wind erosion; poor access to agriculture and livestock advisory and support services; and low levels of literacy, which impede access to new technologies or the adoption of alternative income-earning activities. Development activities in barani areas have been shown to be successful in tackling these problems when there have been high levels of beneficiary involvement in the design and implementation of project activities. As a result of the Punjab Local Government Ordinance of 2001, official institutional structures now exist at grassroots level in rural areas to allow elected representation and local management of development activities. In these conditions it is now possible to combine past experience and lessons learned in barani areas with the new, representative institutional structures in rural areas (union councils and zila councils) to implement a poverty-focused project that will reinforce the ongoing decentralization process and have a strong development impact on the ground. This will be achieved through the support of activities, selected and managed by the beneficiaries themselves, that enhance productivity of resources, improve the quality of life for the areas' population, and improve access to markets through better rural infrastructure.</p>	
Impact	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improved quality of life 2. Reduced Poverty 3. Better natural resources management 	

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Enhanced access to land, water, markets, services, agriculture inputs, technologies and employment for the population of the barani areas.
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Progress Toward Outcome

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs

- C. Components/Outputs
1. Village and Union Development Fund
 - 1.1 Community-based medium-scale initiatives
 - 1.2 District line agencies support
 - 1.3 RSP support to union council
 2. Targeted Poverty alleviation Fund
 - 2.1 Group-based small-scale initiatives
 - 2.2 Off-farm employment opportunities
 3. Literacy Through Skillsbased Training
 4. Institutional Support

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

Geographical Location

The project area will be the barani areas of the 10 districts of Bhakkar, Chakwal, Gujrat, Jhelum, Khushab, Layyah, Mianwali, Narowal, Rawalpindi, and Sialkot, and that have yet to be taken up by a barani or area development project.

Safeguard Categories

Environment

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Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services

Consulting services will be recruited following ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants. The Project will require support from 399 person-months of consulting services, comprising 42 personmonths of international consulting services and 357 months of domestic consulting services. In addition, ABAD will recruit the services of rural support programs, nongovernment organizations, or local consulting companies for the village and union organizers who will work directly in the field with the union administrations, villages, and district agencies to provide on-the-ground support to the VUDC. About 1,080 person-months of village and union organizers input will be required. With the exception of the international project management specialist who will be recruited early on as an individual consultant, international and local consultants and union and district supervisors will be recruited through a firm or an NGO/RSP. In addition, ABAD will recruit the services of RSPs, NGOs, or local consulting companies for the village and union organizers who will work directly in the field with the union administrations, villages, and district agencies to provide on the ground support for the village and union development component. About 1,080 person-months of village and union organizer input will be required.

Procurement

Procurement will be undertaken following ADB's Guidelines for Procurement. Civil works will be small to medium scale and scattered, and will thus not be suitable for or of interest to international contractors. Civil works will thus be undertaken through local competitive bidding for local companies or by direct selection for beneficiary user groups.

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	08 Mar 2003
Fact Finding	17 Jul 2004 to 06 Aug 2004
MRM	17 Sep 2004
Approval	14 Dec 2004
Last Review Mission	-
PDS Creation Date	21 Mar 2007
Last PDS Update	21 Mar 2007

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
14 Dec 2004	10 Jan 2005	13 Apr 2005	30 Jun 2011	31 Mar 2012	25 Feb 2013

Financing Plan		Loan Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	58.60	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	41.00	14 Dec 2004	27.38	0.00	97%
Counterpart	17.60	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	14 Dec 2004	28.12	0.00	100%

Status of Covenants						
Category	Sector	Safeguards	Social	Financial	Economic	Others
Rating	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	-	Satisfactory

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